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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was generally steady in the West and Midwest, mostly steady to about steady in the East. Demand was light to fair, instances moderate for active retail features. Supplies were balanced to tight for light weight product, but at least adequate on heavy sizes. In the parts structure, trading was no better than fair with orders usually limited to immediate needs. Supplies were adequate to ample on all items with discounts available to aid movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 75.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 68.25 cents last year on October 22, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	184.50
BREASTS - B/S	157.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.50
WINGS	106.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand into all channels was moderate at best with limited trading. Supplies were usually sufficient with heavier weights more available for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to fair with supplies at least adequate or readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was no better than fair and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings of 3 pound and heavier sizes ranged adequate to available with some scattered discounting noted. Smaller sizes were clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to available. Tenderloins were fully adequate to ample. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady, undertone fully steady on lighter weights and cautious on heavy birds. Offerings in close balance on small birds, moderate to heavy on big birds. Trade interest was marginal. A sluggish demand continued into all channels with occasional moderate movement into retail features. Trucking issues were noted; late deliveries, lack of trucks and increased freight charges. Retail features reported on IQF, 3 pound bag boneless/skinless breasts at \$7.99 and \$7.49; \$3.99 and \$1.99 on boneless/skinless breasts; split breasts at 99 and 89 cents; whole roaster breast at \$1.79; leg quarters at 99 and 35 cents; drums and thighs at 99, 89 and 69 cents. Floor stocks were at least adequate on limited fill-in call. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trade was hand to mouth and light on fully available supplies. The market tone was steady with a cautious undertone on wings, leg quarters, dark meat and whole breasts, and barely steady to weak on tenderloins and boneless/skinless breasts.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 10/16/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	194,824	187,583	+04
CHICKS PLACED	163,964	160,266	+02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 195 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 16, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 16, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through October 16, 2004 were 7.22 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-Nov-04 is estimated at 149.7 million head. This compares to 151.0 million head the previous week and to 149.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 119.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.02 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 20, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	704	105.00-185.00	115-120	120.86	BREAST - B/S	580	110.00-185.00	115-120	121.36
TENDERLOINS	358	95.00-195.00	105-110	116.52	TENDERLOINS	243	95.00-195.00	100-110	106.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-94.00	84-87	85.38	BREAST - LINE RUN	88	84.00-94.00	86-87	86.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	65	56.00-64.00	-	59.38
LEGS	91	24.00-50.00	28-29	28.19	LEGS	63	28.00-50.00	28-29	31.43
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	970	25.00-32.00	26-28	27.53	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	990	24.00-32.00	27-29	27.70
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	92.00-106.00	92-94	96.23	WINGS (WHOLE)	302	92.00-106.00	92-96	96.56
WINGS (CUT)	388	113.00-119.00	115-119	116.62	WINGS (CUT)	395	113.00-119.00	115-119	116.54
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR					F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE					RANGE				
40.50 - 46.50					39.50-46.50				
TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE				
43.27					42.46				
					5-DAY AVERAGE				
					42.39				

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was no better than fair as dealers limited orders to immediate needs. Breast items were at least adequate to available and discounted in some instances. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was barely steady on breast items; steady to barely steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **OCTOBER 19, 2004**

CURRENT NEG				WTD	CURRENT NEG				WTD
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	130-135	128.42	623,834		BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.88	430,961	
TENDERLOINS	115	120.58	223,780		TENDERLOINS	110-115	128.39	90,860	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.09	132,080		BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	82.55	98,800	
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	77.14	114,760		BREAST - LINE RUN	77	76.44	76,680	
LEGS	42-43	36.97	183,963		LEGS	42-43	37.37	176,520	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.57	283,683		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	31.19	182,303	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	31.64	181,360		DRUMSTICKS	29-30	33.55	144,720	
THIGHS	24-25	35.86	115,440		THIGHS	24-25	34.99	64,880	
B/S THIGHS	75-76	69.58	110,840		B/S THIGHS	75-76	72.37	69,560	
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	111.10	101,120		WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	113.96	89,400	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.53	29,960		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.75	40,920	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.48	24,920		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.87	14,800	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.01	28,520		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.84	26,280	

***** INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
		(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
		10/20	10/19	10/18	10/15	10/18	10/15	10/13	10/11		
Alabama		4,111	4,008	4,008	5,007	5.38	5.31	4,110	5.41		
Arkansas		5,519	5,472	5,498	6,017	5.28	5.27	5,488	5.42		
Delmarva		2,279	2,288	2,279	2,256	5.78	5.32	2,324	5.70		
KY-LA-TN		2,108	2,053	2,035	2,204	5.25	4.96	2,031	5.08		
Mississippi		3,052	3,059	2,971	3,030	5.61	5.45	2,753	5.60		
North Car		2,556	2,499	2,458	2,773	6.45	6.31	2,443	6.49		
Texas		2,456	2,446	2,666	2,514	5.23	5.06	2,519	5.18		
Total		22,081	21,825	21,915	23,801	5.52	5.38	21,668	5.51		
Mon-Wed		66,040(A)						65,012(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Oct-04 is estimated to be 33,036,000 head up 1.60 percent from a week ago and up 4.65 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,515,000, last year 31,567,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		68-69
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105-106
	DRY PACK	110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	108-111
	DRY PACK	111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		175-188

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/23/04 (1)	10/16/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	168,254 (2)	168,084
Light hens	1,449	1,336
Heavy hens	1,490	1,521
Total	171,193	170,941

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Oct-04 is 163.9 million head compared to 161.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.6 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Oct-04 the estimated available is 163.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/18/04	171,090	62,853
AM 10/01/04	182,984	58,076
CHG	-11,894	4,777
PCT CHG	-7	8

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/18/04	10/11/04	10/20/03	10/18/04	10/11/04	10/20/03
PACIFIC						
COAST	14,889	22,399	15,343	5,805	5,704	4,120
LOS						
ANGELES	353	341	435	3,367	3,340	1,953

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2004

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	70-72
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-81

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/19/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.55	.85	.67	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.65	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	4.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.15	.20	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	4.00	6.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	2.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.50	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.75	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.20	.86	RABBITS ea.	-	2.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS 90							

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 15, 2004

	<u>Whole</u> <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>Legs</u> <u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u> <u>& Wings</u>	<u>Livers/</u> <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	69.91	111.21	71.49	11.92	7.15	46.87
High	70.30	123.13	79.44	23.83	9.93	46.87
Mostly	70.30	115.18	71.49	15.89	7.94	46.87

SAN JUAN

Low	69.51	115.18	75.47	15.89	9.93	47.66
High	71.10	123.13	79.44	23.83	13.90	47.66
Mostly	70.30	119.16	75.47	21.85	9.93	47.66

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	69.51	111.21	71.49	11.92	9.93	49.25
High	71.10	127.10	83.41	23.83	13.90	49.25
Mostly	70.70	123.13	75.47	17.87	11.92	49.25

BECERRA

Low	69.91	123.13	79.44	19.86	7.94	50.05
High	71.10	131.07	87.38	27.80	9.93	50.05
Mostly	70.30	127.10	83.41	23.83	7.94	50.05

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair and typical of uninspiring mid-week activity. Seller offerings were fully sufficient and spot sales continued to surface at highly competitive pricing on the heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower at 62 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, supplies ranged adequate to ample for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	64.97
NO. OF BOXES	8,910

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